

# Inpui language

**Inpui**, or **Puiron**, is a Naga language spoken in different villages of Senapati district, Tamenglong district,Noney District, and Imphal district in Manipur,and in some areas in Nagaland, India. Speakers of Inpui and Rongmei are subsumed under the tribal label **Kabui**. But the two tribes have different languages and identity. Even though they are considered to be cognate tribes.

## Language varieties

Kabui were originally called Inpui, but Rongmei in Imphal valley also used the name Kabui. Rongmei in the hills did not used the name.

Inpui chong and Rongmei are sometimes considered to be the same language, despite being mutually unintelligible and only 68% lexically similar. The Inpui-speaking people are mainly concentrated in Tamenglong district of Manipur especially in Haochong areas, which is a cluster of about 10 villages.

Inpui speakers also reside in Tamenglong headquarters, Noney areas, Makuilongdi and Senapati headquarters in Senapati district and three Inpui villages namely Changangei, Yurembam and Tamphagei in Imphal valley. The Inpui-speaking people are also found in Peren and Dimapur district of Nagaland. The most similar dialect with Inpui among the tribal living in Manipur is the Kom dialect.<sup>[3]</sup>

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| Inpui                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Kabui                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <span></span> <div><i>Inpui chong</i></div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Native to                                   | India                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Region                                      | Manipur, <div></div> Nagaland, <div></div> Assam                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Ethnicity                                   | Inpui Naga                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <div>Native speakers</div>                  | 29,000 <span> </span> (2001 census) <sup>[1]</sup>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <div><span>Language family</span></div>     | <div>Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> (Tibeto-Burman)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Zeme languages<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Inpui</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div> |
| Language codes                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <span>ISO 639-3</span>                      | nkf                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Glottolog                                   | (insufficiently attested or not a distinct language) <div>inpu1234 (<a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/inpu1234">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/inpu1234</a>)<sup>[2]</sup></div>       |

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